#### **DRUG DEBT ABDUCTION**

FANG officers received a call from a concerned daughter alerting them to the fact that her mother was heading from Port Huron to Flint. The daughter stated that her mother received a call from the unknown caller demanding she bring \$500 with her if she wanted her husband released. The husband was being held hostage for an unpaid drug debt. FANG officers went to the location and located a vehicle matching the description given to them by the daughter. FANG officers observed the suspect exit the van and approach the wife. An exchange of money took place and the husband was released. FANG officers quickly moved in and arrested two suspects. While searching the suspects, the husband was also found to have cocaine in his possession.

## BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER

In the early morning hours, FANG officers, with the assistance of the Flint Township Police Initial Response Team and Detective Bureau and the Burton City Police Officer Safety Team, executed several search warrants at the Airport Inn in Flint Township.

As a result, 14 individuals were arrested. The suspects had a total of 40 outstanding arrest warrants against them, including 10 for felony crimes. Seized from the suspects were a substantial amount of cocaine, marijuana and prescription drugs. Officers also found more than \$1,500 in cash. This was in addition to more than \$2,200 in cocaine and marijuana that FANG officers had seized earlier that month in a "knock-and-talk" at the Inn.

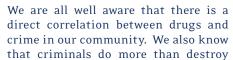
### **NOT WHO HE SAID HE WAS**

Recently, FANG officers conducted a buy-bust for eight pounds of marijuana. Unknown to the officers at the time, the suspect provided fictitious information about his identity. He was lodged in the Genesee County Jail where he was fingerprinted and run through the State Police Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The system immediately revealed he was not who he said he was. It turned out that FANG's suspect was wanted for a CCW and drive-by shooting in Ingham County and also wanted in a Texas murder case.

### **COMMANDER'S COLUMN**

### **D/F/Lt. Gary Parsons**

Michigan State Police



lives, they also steal the sense of safety, well-being and freedom in our community.

Armed with this knowledge, community leaders and law enforcement agencies in Genesee County partnered with the

Michigan State Police and federal agencies to establish the Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG). FANG is a multijurisdictional team with one common goal in mind, removing drug dealers from our community's streets and neighborhoods, so you can live your life with a sense of peace and tranquility.

The concept of FANG is based on the simple premise that no one agency has the ability or resources to respond single-handedly to the drug problems in our area. Therefore, we had to look at combining our talent and resources into a strong specialized drug enforcement team, aimed specifically at removing drug criminals from our streets.

FANG's Goal:

Removing drug dealers from streets and neighborhoods, and restoring a sense of peace and tranquility in our community.

As Commander of FANG, I am convinced that by combining the talent, resources and technology of our local agencies with those of state and federal agencies, we are more successful in our drug fighting efforts. As you can see by the 2003 numbers, we investigated 404 cases, made 326 arrests and stopped the dissemination of more than one million dollars worth of drugs directed toward the children, family and friends in our Genesee county communities.



As a citizen of Genesee County, you stand to benefit greatly by the collective efforts of FANG. Whether using local street enforcement efforts, interdiction,

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education/prevention, or taking full advantage of the highly specialized crime fighting tools offered by state and federal agencies, FANG officers are committed to making a difference in our community.

While cocaine and marijuana still seem to be the drugs of choice found in many of our communities, now on the scene, and positioned to spread like a brush fire, is methamphetamine. Counties across the state have seen an alarming increase in methamphetamine clandestine labs (cooking sites) and meth related activities as well.

Methamphetamine is like no other drug we have seen before in this area, especially due in part to the fact that it is manufactured (cooked) right here in our community and not imported, as is the

case with other illegal drugs. As you read about methamphetamine in this newsletter, you will see how deadly and dangerous this drug really is. I encourage you to become aware of the dangers associated with methamphetamine, to report any suspicious activities, and to help FANG officers in their efforts to keep this devastating drug from taking over our community.

TO REPORT DRUGS AND DRUG DEALERS CALL (810) 233-3689

# LOCAL MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TEAMS HAVING IMPACT ON MICHIGAN DRUG EFFORTS

SINCE 2000, ALMOST A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STREET DRUGS HAVE BEEN SEIZED IN MICHIGAN BY DRUG TEAMS

In the Spring of 1977, the Michigan State Police joined with local and county law enforcement agencies to begin a new concept in fighting drugs and drug related crimes in local communities. The concept was simple - no one agency had all the manpower or resources to adequately deal with the increase in drugs and drug related crimes finding its way into Michigan communities and neighborhoods. By combining local resources with the resources of the Michigan State Police, Criminal Investigation Division, along with state police and federal drug information identification and tracking systems, Michigan took a major step in bringing the fight against drug dealers and drug related crimes to the local level. And, it has worked!

Currently, multijurisdictional teams service 81 of 83 counties in the State of Michigan. Local officers from approximately 550 city and township law enforcement agencies, county deputies from 81 counties and troopers from the Michigan State Police are assigned to these task forces. The teams are funded in part through the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy, Michigan State Police, and local governing bodies.

Just in the past four years, the multijurisdictional task forces have been responsible for arresting and removing approximately 14,450 drug criminals from our neighborhoods, streets and schools. In four years, the local task forces have also removed more than \$274,478,398 in street-drugs from local communities-drugs intended for our children and loved ones. As a result of the dedicated efforts of the multijurisdictional teams, tens of millions of dollars in assets and property that would have been used to continue drug trafficking in our communities - has been seized and removed from drug dealers.



Multijurisdictional teams service 8I of the 83 counties in the State of Michigan. Local officers from approximately 550 city and township law enforcement agencies, county deputies from 8I counties and troopers from the Michigan State Police are assigned to these task forces.

B.A.Y.A.N.E.T.	Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/790-6581
C.M.E.T.	Central Michigan Enforcement Team	989/352-6738
F.A.N.G.	Flint Area Narcotics Group	810/233-3689
H.U.N.T.	Huron Undercover Narcotics Team	989/356-3395
J.N.E.T.	Jackson Narcotics Enforcement Team	517/784-2990
M.A.G.N.E.T.	Mid-Michigan Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/725-7254
M.E.T.	Metropolitan Enforcement Team	616/456-4801
S.A.N.E.	Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement	231/238-8692
S.S.C.E.N.T.	State, Sheriffs, Chiefs Enforcement Team	231/843-7045
S.T.I.N.G.	Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group	989/345-2304
S.W.E.T.	South-West Enforcement Team	269/962-1225
T.N.T.	Traverse Narcotics Team	231/922-0993
T.N.U.	Thumb Narcotics Unit	989/673-8600
T.C.M.	Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad	517/394-5588
U.P.S.E.T.	Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team	906/346-9289
W.E.M.E.T.	West Michigan Enforcement Team	616/994-6520
C.O.M.E.T.	County of Macomb Enforcement Team	586/790-3990
W.W.N.	Western Wayne Narcotics	734/397-9811
D.R.A.N.O.	Down River Area Narcotics Organization	734/479-1710
L.A.W.N.E.T.	Livingston and Washtenaw Narcotics Enforcement Team	810/227-7897
O.M.N.I.	Office of Monroe Narcotics Investigations	734/848-3445

# our streets



### **SMART OFFICERS TIE** SHOPLIFTING TO METH LAB

Recently, Bay City Police arrested two females for shoplifting a large quantity of Sudafed and small alkaline batteries. The arresting officer recognized the stolen items as components used for making methamphetamine. The females told the officer they were stealing the items for their friend in Genesee County. FANG was notified of the incident and the females were transported to Genesee County where they met with FANG officers. The females led FANG to the suspect's location. FANG officers pulled in the driveway where the surprised suspect was caught in the act of cooking methamphetamine and still wearing a filtered mask. The suspect attempted to flee but after a short foot chase he was caught.

### THREE PLUS TWO EQUALS **A FULL DAY'S WORK**

FANG officers got more than they expected when they recently arrested three suspects for possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine. One of the suspects took FANG officers back to an area hotel where a search of his room was conducted. While the officers were at the hotel, they observed a crack deal going down that was totally unrelated to their case. Two more suspects were arrested. All in all, five people were arrested and put in jail that day by FANG officers.

### **DRUG SEARCH LEADS TO** PIT BULL TRAINING ARENA

Acting on a tip of possible drug activity, FANG officers recently executed a search warrant at a residence in the City of Flint. FANG officers confiscated eight pounds of marijuana and five guns. When officers entered the basement of the house, they discovered an area set up for training and fighting dogs. Seized from the basement three treadmills and additional equipment associated with dog fighting. Evidence of fighting was apparent, as blood was discovered throughout the basement.

Outside of the residence, FANG officers found 11 pit bulls,



consisting of both young and adult dogs. Some of the dogs showed signs of injuries consistent with dog fighting. The dogs were turned over to the Genesee County Animal Control, where they were treated for their injuries.

### **FANG 2004 DRUG FIGHTING STATS**

**TOTAL CASES** 395

NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED 328

DRUG SEIZED / PURCHASED

\$1,135,990



REPORT DRUG ACTIVITY